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display portions of the unit data model. One aspect of the present invention uses an efficient and expedient method for embedding component identification information into the frame buffer of the display device itself so that

5   it is readily manipulated using operating system methods that are already available in most commercial operating system software. This method is described in co-pending U.S. patent application serial No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ *10001940* assigned to the assignee of the present invention and entitled "SYSTEM

10   AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL GRAPHIC USER INTERFACE" and incorporated herein by reference.

[0024]   As noted above, a key limitation of online manuals is their failure to show information that is relevant to a user at runtime. By the terms "user-

15   relevant information" and "user-centric information", it is meant that the perspective and content of three-dimensional data matches the perspective and content desired by a user. This may also be referred to as "context-sensitive" display as the content that is

20   displayed and the manner in which the content is displayed may vary depending on the user's current context. While various techniques have been used to display these different types of data in the past, these prior approaches involved multiple separate and independent data

25   structures such that each data structure held data that was relevant to a particular user, role or context. In contrast, the present invention enables a single data structure, the unit data structure or unit object, that can be shared across these disparate users, roles and

30   contexts.

[0025]   In the case of non-graphical data, user-relevant data means that the data is current and applicable to the real-world system corresponding to the manual. The vast

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